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1. SUMMARY: JAPANESE GOVT SEEMS LARGEMLY TO SHARE US EVALUATION

OF FIRST CIEC MEETINGS AND HOPES THAT PACE OF PROGRESS
WILL NOT BE FORCED, EVEN WITH UNCTAD IV IN PROSPECT.
PARALYSIS OF GOVT DECISION MAKING PROCESS DURING LOCK-
HEED CASE LEADS JAPAN TO FEEL IT CANNOT PARTICIPATE IN
ANY EXPENSIVE INITIATIVES FOR MANY MONTHS. END SUMMARY.

2. IN GENERAL RUN-DOWN ON JAPANESE PERCEPTIONS OF CIEC
RESULTS, MOTONO, DIRGEN OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS BUREAU,
FONOFF, TOLD EC MIN MARCH 9 THAT GOJ VIEWED FEB CIEC
MEETINGS AS GENERALLY SUCCESSFUL AND SUPPORTIVE OF
JAPAN'S AIMS. HE SAID HE FELT JAPANESE PARTICIPATION IN
COMMITTEE ON RAW MATERIALS HAD HIT ABOUT RIGHT PITCH,
WITH MIYAZAKI IN CHAIR PART-TIME AS CO-CHAIRMAN AND
HIMSELF AS PRINCIPAL JAPANESE SPOKESMAN. WITH MIYAZAKI'S
REPUTATION AS TOUGH PROPONENT, MOTONO WAS ABLE TAKE
SOFTER LINE AND STRESS NEED FOR EDUCATIONAL CAMPAIGN
THAT WOULD PUT COMMODITY PRICES IN CONTEXT OF WORLD
ECONOMY AND EMPHASIZE NEED TO AWAIT DEVELOPED COUNTRIES'
RECOVERY BEFORE DRAWING CONCLUSIONS. MOTONO SAID HE AND
COLLEAGUES BELIEVED OTHER COMMISSIONS HAD ATTAINED
SATISFACTORY RESULTS AND THAT WITH CAREFUL MANAGEMENT
WOULD REACH UNCTAD WITHOUT HAVING TO MAKE DANGEROUS
CONCESSIONS TO GROUP OF 77.

3. MOTONO STRESSED THAT US SHOULD NOT EXPECT MUCH
FROM JAPAN IN WAY OF CHANGES IN EXISTING POLICY. HE
CHARACTERIZED JAPANESE DECISION-MAKING PROCESS AS
"PARAQLYZED" BY LOCKHEED CASE, WITH ALL THE PRINCIPAL
ACTORS FOCUSING ON NOTHING ELSE. HE SAID THAT ANY
CASE, MINISTRY OF FINANCE COULD PROBABLY HAVE
SUCCESSFULLY HELD BACK ANY NEW COMMITMENTS WITH EVEN
MODEST PRICE TAGS. HE BELIEVES IT WILL BE AT LEAST LATE
1976 BEFORE JAPANESE ECONOMIC RECOVERY WILL HAVE PROCEEDED FAR
ENOUGH TO EXPECT RELAXATION OF MOF ATTITUDES. HE IS
PARTICULARLY ANXIOUS TO KEEP IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH US IN
PERIOD LEADING UP TO UNCTAD AND TO HAVE ADEQUATE
ADVACNE NOTICE OF ANY NEW DEPARTURES IN US POLICY.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: AT THIS TIME WHEN FOREIGN ECONOMIC POLICY
PLANNERS PARTICULARLY FRAGILE ABOUT LOCKHEED AND BUDGET, ANY
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ADVANCE INFORMATION WE CAN PASS ON ABOUT US OBJECTIVES AT MARCH
AND APRIL CIEC MEETINGS WOULD BE MOST APPRECIATED AND SHOULD
HELP US OBTAIN AS MUCH COOPERATION AS IS FEASIBLE AT THIS TIME.
JAPANESE ARE ALSO NERVOUS ABOUT TIMING OF CIEC DISCUS-
SIONS AS THEY RELATE TO UNCTAD IV AND OUR ENDS WOULD BE
WELL SERVED BY ADVANCE DISCUSSION AS US THINKING ON THIS
SUBJECT DEVELOPS. STATE 57548 JUST RECEIVED. CONSULTA-
TIONS PROPOSED THERE WILL BE A BIG HELP. WE WILL CABLE

JAPANESE REACTION AS SOON AS WE HAVE IT.

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